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Amendments to the Specification:

On Pages 3-4, please replace the paragraph bridging pages pages 3-4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In the illustrated embodiment of the control panel in accordance with the invention (FIG. 1), the front panel 4, which is made of an aluminium material for example, forms an opening 3 into which a housing 4 1 is inserted, which housing is made of a plastic material for example. With its outer circumferential wall 2 the housing 1 is flush with said opening 3 and comprises between its outer circumferential wall 2 and its inner circumferential wall 5 an annular gap 8 which is open towards the front panel 4. Several lighting means 11 are inserted in said annular gap 8, which lighting means are provided for a circumferential illumination of an actuating button 6 of a switch 12 enclosed by the inner circumferential wall 5 (FIG. 2). The switching on and off of the circumferential illumination can occur for example by a control device (not shown in closer detail) which supplies electric power to the lighting means 11, e.g. LED modules, when switch 12 is activated. Switch 12 is therefore separated from the annular gap 8 by an opaque housing wall 5, as a result of which no rear illumination of the actuating button 6 is expected. A circumferential illumination with a comparatively sharp contour can be ensured since the entire luminosity of the lighting means 11 is available without

any scattering losses of the circumferential illumination. In order to ensure an advantageous emission ~~behaviour~~ behavior of the lighting means 11 it is also possible that the sides of the housing 1 which enclose the illumination means 11 are metallized. In order to avoid soiling, the annular gap 8 is covered with a light-transmitting cover made of a foil 9 extending over the front panel 4. It has been noticed that it is advantageous to allow the foil 9 to project with its edge not only over the annular gap 8 but also up to the actuating button 6 and to optionally glue the same to the actuating button 6 in ~~said~~ the overlapping region. Switch 12 can thus also be protected from soiling. Moreover, the narrow housing web between the annular gap 8 and the inner circumferential wall 5 can be covered.